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Applicant(s)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

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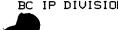
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the August 15, 2003 Office Action, which set a one-month period for reply.

Remarks/Response to Office Action begin on Page 2 of this paper.



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Response to Restriction Requirement of Claims 1-24.

The Office Action states that restriction to one invention is required under 35 USC § 121. The Office has identified the following two inventions from which election is required:

- Claims 1-10, drawn to a compound of formula (1) and processes for making a I. compound of formula (1), classified in, for example, classes/subclasses 540/484; -546/186, 194, 208 and 229; 548/517, 577, 950 and 954; 564/287.
- Claims 11-24, drawn to hair dye products, hair dye compositions, hair dye П. systems and a process for dyeing hair, classified in class 8, subclass 405, 406, 411 and 412.

Election

Applicants hereby elect Group 1 (claims 1-10). Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

> Respectfully submitted, Mu-Ill Lim, et al.

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